GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:545
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APPROACH PAPER ON TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the approach paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan has come in for criticism by the various organizations;

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefore;

(c) whether the Alternative Dalit Media has submitted any memorandum to the Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the points raised therein with the response of the Government thereto; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a)& (b): The Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan is yet to be approved by the National Development Council.

(c): Yes, Sir,

(d): The central point raised in the Memorandum is that the welfare of Dalits dependsprimarily on increasing public investment and employment; and not so much on growth arising from greater private initiatives. Continuation of anti-povertyprogrammes in their present form and land reforms has also been mentioned.

(e): These issues are being examined in the context of fiscal sustainability and wider national interests.